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"Give flowers to the fallen rebels with a glance turned toward the new dawn"- (old anarchist hymn)

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"THESE ATTACKS WILL ONLY INCREASE THE ACTIVITIES OF OUR CRIME-DETECTING FORCES,"
Declares Attorney-General Palmer, whose Washington home, shown

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The powers that be make no secret of their will to stop, here in America, the world-wide spread of revolution. The powers that must be reckon that they will have to accept the fight they have provoked.

WAR DEPARTMENT

A time has come when the social question's solution can be delayed no longer; class war is on and cannot cease but with a complete victory for the international proletariat.

The challenge is an old one, oh "democratic" lords of the autocratic republic. We've been dreaming of freedom, we have talked of liberty, we have aspired to a better world, and you jailed us, you clubbed us, you deported us, you murdered us whenever you could.

Now that the great war, waged to replenish your purses and build a pedestal to your saints, is over, nothing better can you do to protect your stolen millions, and your stained fame, than to direct all the power of the murderous institutions you created for your exclusive defence, against the working multitudes rising to a more human condition of life.

The jails, the dungeons you reared to bury all protesting voices, are now replenished with gnashing conscientious workers, and never satisfied, you increase their number day by day.

The history of yesterday that your gunmen were shooting and murdering unarmed by the wholesale; it has been the history of every day in your regime; and now your acts are even worse.

Do not expect us to sit down and pray and cry. We accept your challenge and stick to our war duties. We know that all you do is for your defence as a nation; now also that the proletariat has the same right to protect itself, since their lives have been suffocated, their mouths muzzled, we mean to speak for them the voice of the oppressed, through the mouth of guns.

Do not say we are acting cowardly because we keep in hiding, do not say it is only a strike, it is war, class war, and you were the first to wage it under cover of the institutions you call order, in the darkness of your laws, behind the guns of the armed slave.

It is not liberty to you accept but yours; the working people also have a right to

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What is the Anarchist Black Cross Federation?

The Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) began shortly after the 1905 Russian Revolution. It formed after breaking from the Political Red Cross, due to the group's refusal to support Anarchist and Social Revolutionary Political Prisoners. The new group, naming itself the Anarchist Red Cross (ARC), began to provide aid to those Political Prisoners who were refused support by the PRC.

In the early decades, the organization had chapters throughout Europe and North America. These chapters worked together to provide assistance to prisoners only in Russia. Soon other groups, such as the Latvian Anarchist Red Cross, emerged to provide aid in other Eastern European countries. Armed with the ideas of *mutual aid* and *solidarity*, these groups worked tirelessly to

provide support to those who were suffering because of their political beliefs.

In 1919, the organization's name changed to the Anarchist Black Cross to avoid confusion with the International Red Cross. Through the 1920s and until 1958, the organization worked under various other names but provided the same level of support as the other groups working as Anarchist Black Cross.

After 1936, the ABC expanded its aid to places such as Greece, Italy and Spain.

In 1958, the organization collapsed but reemerged in 1967 in London, England. Once again ABC chapters spread throughout the globe providing support for imprisoned comrades. Sadly, by the end of the 1970s only a handful of ABC chapters still existed.

In the 80s, however, the ABC began to gain popularity again in the US and Europe. For years, the ABC's name was kept alive by a number of completely autonomous groups scattered throughout the globe and supporting a wide variety of prison issues.

In May of 1995, a small group of ABC collectives merged into a federation whose aim was to focus on the overall support and defense of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.

Various groups have since merged in numerous networks throughout the globe working on various prison issues. The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) has continued its mission to focus on the aid and support of Political Prisoners. We take the position that PP/POWs demand our top priority. We strive to continue with the same dedication and solidarity to our fallen comrades as those before us have shown.

Introduction:

"Crucially important to maintaining the anarchist integrity of this organization is the fact that Branch Groups and Support Groups are freely autonomous to take on whatever initiatives they can to further the Unity of Purpose of the ABCF. So long as these initiatives do not contradict any preexisting agreements (Tactical Unity) that have been made by the ABCF, it is not necessary for all groups to approve of and/or agree with programs, projects or work of other ABCF collectives." [from the ABCF Constitution and Structure]

The following definitions are used to describe the below terms whenever they appear in the ABCF Update or any other ABCF literature.

Political Prisoner (PP): A person incarcerated for actions carried out in support of legitimate struggles for self determination or for opposing the illegal policies of the government and/or its political subdivisions. [Special International Tribunal on the Violation of Human Rights of PP/POWs in U.S. Prisons and Jails, Dec. '90]

Prisoner of War (POW): Those combatants struggling against colonial and alien domination and racist regimes captured as prisoners are to be accorded the status of prisoner of war and their treatment should be in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Conventions Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August, 1949 (General Assembly resolution 3103)

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Chilean Anarchists Arrested

In the early hours of September 27th, Chilean Police (the Carabineros) Special Operations (GOPE) and Criminal Laboratory (Labocar) Investigation teams raided a squat in the center of Santiago.

According to corporate media reports the Carabineros arrested six individuals, 5 Chileans and one Spaniard. Authorities claim that the arrested squatters are part of an anarchist network who are responsible for rioting and molotov attacks during the past few months after the student uprising and protests commemorating the anniversary of Pinochet's US backed military coup September 11th, 1973.

According to media reports, authorities found "subversive material" as well as "materials to fabricate molotovs".

It is important to keep aware of developments and to support these prisoners as well as anarchists in Chile who will undoubtedly be facing repression in the weeks to come.

Anarchists Attack in Chile

On November 3, an anarchist group known as the Efrain Plaza Olmedo Explosives Band attacked a branch of Banco de Credito e Inversiones inside a Marriott hotel. The attack left windows shattered and a security guard injured.

Chile has experienced 101 such bombings since 2004, most of them involving low-power, homemade explosive devices. No one has died in the incidents.

Responsibility for the blasts is usually claimed by anarchists or anti-globalization groups, some of them linked to Chile's disgruntled Mapuche Indians.

Efrain Plaza Olmedo was an anarchist militant who gunned down two upper-class youths on a Santiago street corner in July 1912. Sentenced to 40 years in prison, he was paroled in 1925 only to be found dead in the capital a few days after his release. Authorities never determined whether he was murdered or committed suicide.

Anarchist Ends Strike

After 100 days, Spanish anarchist, Amadeu Casellas, has called off his hungerstrike. Casellas was on hunger strike from July 15 to October 24. He began his strike in protest to oppression he faced for communiques he had written.

Casellas has spent more than 25 years in prison due to his participation in dozens of bank robberies during the 1970s. Funds expropriated were given to support workers struggle. Last year he was on strike for 77 days over prison abuses and the State's refusal to release him despite laws mandating the release of prisoners who have served the same amount of time.

Solidarity Action in Germany

On Oct. 13, a police station was attacked by persons unknown in Lichtenberg. According to a communique posted online, the attack was done in support of political prisoners in Germany and Greece.

Mexican Eco-Anarchist Held

On Oct. 27, Diego A. a 16-year old anarchist was held for ELF activities. Police tried to stop him while he was riding his bike. The young man attempted to dispose of his backpack and his bike. Despite his attempt to elude the police, they captured him and discovered 4 incendiary devices a molotov and other questionable items.

Police suspect the young man in six actions between March 22 to September 26. According to the press, he admitted participating in the actions as well as being an anarchist and also part of the ELF.

Belgrade Anarchists Held

On September 3, 6 anarcho-syndicalists were arrested in Belgrade and are being tried for international terrorism. They are accused of having connection with Black Elijah (Crni Ilija) and participation in a molotov attack on the Greek embassy last August 25th. They face 15 years in prison.

The six accused have denied any involvement in the incidents. The anarchists, Ratibor Trivunac, Tadej Kurepa and Ivan Vulovic, are members of the Union Confederation Anarcho-Syndicalist Initiative, which is affiliated to the International Workers' Association (IWA-AIT). Trivunac is currently a delegate to the duty of IWA-AIT General Secretary)

Lawyers' fees will obviously be extremely high, so anyone who wishes to contribute financially to solidarity efforts can send a check made out to the CNT AIT, with the words "Solidarité Belgrade" on the back, to the following address:

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Chicago: Action for 6 Held

On September 30, six people were charged with mob action for allegedly damaging property at an anti-olympic protest in Chicago.

Jeremy Hammond, Jason Hammond, Jeremy Sorkin, Johnathan Clark, Rocky Mount and Anna Stafford have each been charged with mob action - a class 4 felony.

In response to the arrests, a group attacked the Chicago Community Bank taking out seven windows. "One for each of those arrested and one more for the bid." Windows of a cop car were also taken out.

News From Greece

Bonanno Arrested in Greece

On Oct. 1, Anarchists Alfredo Bonanno and Christos Stratigopoulos were arrested in Greece on suspicion of having carried out a bank robbery. The two were arrested a few minutes later at a road block.

Group Attacks Near PM

On Oct. 2, the group, "Conspiracy of the Cells of Fire," set off a low-intensity explosion a few meters away from the podium where PM Karamanlis was delivering a speech. In their communique they sent a revolutionary greeting to Bonanno and Stratigopoulos.

Banks Attacked in Solidarity

On Oct. 8, a group of people attacked banks and corporations in central Athens in broad daylight. The attacks were solidarity with three anarchist prisoners, Masouras, Hadjimichelakis and Yospas. The three were charged with participation in the "Conspiracy of the Cell of Fire" group.

Anarchist Squats Attacked

Two squats in the center of Athens came under attack in the first week of November. The first incident occurred in the early hours of Nov. 2. Several molotov cocktails were thrown at Lelas Karayianni No. 37 causing serious damage. On Nov. 3, Villa Amalias was attacked. This was second time in the last two months. There was no damage at this location.

Anarchist Say, "Party Over"

On Oct. 27, an anarchist group called "Council for the Deconstruction of Order" claimed responsibility for a bomb attack outside the party offices of a minister and deputy minister in northern port city of Thessaloniki.

Greek Anarchists Wanted

Greek authorities are offering \$900,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of three anarchists and suspected robbers who have eluded capture for three years.

Simeon Seisidis, Marios Seisidis and Grigoris Tsironis are accused of being members of the anarchist group, Revolutionary Struggle. The group is best known for an attack against the US embassy in Athen in 2007. The organization was added to the list of foreign terrorist organizations by Sec. of State Clinton.

The three anarchists took part in the bank expropriation at the National Bank in Athens in January 2006. During this action Yiannis Dimitrakis was arrested and is serving 25 years for his part in the action.

Plain Words: A Rebirth of Resistance

We wish to welcome our readers to the first issue of *Plain Words*, a publication of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF). *Plain Words* will replace our previous publication, the ABCF *Update*. The changing of the name of our publication is an attempt to give a nod to our past, as a movement and as an organization. It is an attempt to give recognition to the ideas, groups and individuals who have influenced this organization. We hope that by using this name, our history and our martyrs will not be forgotten. We will remember the names of Andrea Salsedo, Carlo Valdinoci, Sacco and Vanzetti and others who have died in the name of Anarchism.

In May and June of 1919, a series of bombings aimed at government and corporate elite rocked cities throughout the country. The elite who had caused so much pain from a safe distance, were now finding themselves face-to-face with the hatred they had created. Discovered at several of the bombing was a flier entitled "Plain Words."

These fliers were a declaration of war by a group calling itself, "The Anarchists Fighters." The fliers promised that anarchists will not be silent in the face of oppression. Anarchists would seek revenge for the abuse suffered at the hands of the State. In *Plain Words*, anarchists declared its refusal to live as slaves to any master.

The attacks were believed to be the work of Italian anarchists, who were followers of Luigi Galleani, an insurrectionary anarchist and the editor of several anarchist newspapers, including as *Cronaca Sovversiva* and *La Questione Sociale*. It is believed that the Galleanists initiated their campaign in response to Congress passing the Anarchist Act, a law aimed at resident aliens.

Yet disciples of Galleani had already become involved in direct action as early as 1914. Members of a Galleanist group in East Harlem, known as the Bresci Group, hatched a plot to kill J.D. Rockefeller in retaliation for his involvement in the Ludlow Massacre. Also involved in the plot were members of the IWW and the Latvian section of the Anarchist Red Cross. However, the plan was foiled when the bomb exploded prematurely killing two members of the Anarchist Red Cross and a member of the IWW. The explosion destroyed several levels of a tenement on Lexington Avenue.

Galleanists continued for the next few years to engage in 'propaganda of the deed' committing acts of violence against anyone they deemed to represent the government or the elite. The campaign ceased only when the Galleanist fled to Mexico to avoid the draft.

On October 16, 1918, Congress enacted the Anarchist Act of 1918. This act led to the arrest of 4,000 radicals and the eventual deportation of 556 people. Galleani would also eventually be prosecuted under this very law. He, and his disciples, responded to the war being waged on them.

In late April 1919, approximately 30 booby trap bombs destined for a wide cross-section of prominent politicians, justice officials, and financiers (including John D. Rockefeller and Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer) were sent through the mail. Most of the packages were intercepted after a couple of the packages were delivered.

In June of that year, the Galleanists continued their campaign, setting off eight bombs simultaneously in several different U.S. cities. The targets included the homes of judges, businessmen, a mayor, an immigration inspector, and a church. At every location where the bombs were exploded, leaflets on pink paper, entitled "Plain Words" was discovered.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer's house was targeted again during the June attacks. However, as Galleanist, Carlo Valdinoci, approached the front door, the bomb prematurely exploded, blowing him to pieces. Valdinoci worked on *Cronaca Sovversiva* with Galleani. Two years prior to the bombing, he was in Mexico with Sacco and Vanzetti. It is believed that they too had participated in the bombing campaign, but that has never been confirmed.

Investigators attempted to discover clues based off of the remaining pieces of Valdinoci, but it was the 'Plain Words' flier that gave them insight to who was responsible.

Based off of information received from raids in Paterson, NJ, the FBI discovered the printing shop that produced the fliers. Police brought in several suspects including a man named Andrea Salsedo. During his interrogation, Salsedo, a known member of the Galleanist group, was thrown from the 14th floor of the Department of Justice Building.

The Galleanist would continue their attack on the U.S. elite for more than a decade, including the bombing of Wall Street. The bombing, done in retaliation of the conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti, killed 38 people and injured 400. It is believed that a comrade of Sacco and Vanzetti and Galleanist, Mario Buda was responsible for the act.

As for Luigi Galleani, he was deported two weeks after the June 1919 bombings under the Anarchist Act of 1918. Despite

suspicion, the U.S. government was unable to prove Galleani's involvement in the bombings. No one was ever tried for the bombing campaign of 1919.

A New Generation

In 1991, a group of anarchists came together to form the Paterson Anarchist Collective (PAC). The organization began to organize around issues that impacted the working class community of Paterson, including police brutality. Having such a rich history of anarchist militancy at every corner, the Paterson anarchists naturally became influenced by the early Italian anarchist movement.

In October 1992, PAC opened the Right to Existence bookstore, named after a Paterson anarchist group active in the early 20th Century. Members of the group included Luigi Galleani, Errico, Malatesta and Gaetano Bresci, the anarchist responsible for the assassination of King Umberto in Italy in 1900 and who the Bresci Group was named after.

But before the Right to Existence bookstore was to open, the police raided the shop. Police arrested and physically assaulted members of the organization. Later that week, police shot up the store, leaving eight bullet holes in the door.

Due to articles printed in local and radical newspapers, PAC was soon contacted by Ray Luc Levasseur (Ohio 7 political prisoner) and Ojore Lutalo (anarchist New Afrikan Prisoner of War.) Out of this initial contact, the New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross was formed.

During this period of time, the PAC/NJ ABC also began to produce a CopWatch newspaper. After the first issue the newspaper's name was changed to *Plain Words*. The name was obviously taken from the Galleanist's document. The publication was produced for a brief period of time before it ceased production.

We attribute this period to be the birth of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation. While others may have helped to form the Federation, it was the Paterson chapter that helped to form the strong principles and deep political insight that was necessary to lay the foundation of this organization. It is this strong foundation that has continued to make the ABCF successful.

Reprinting of the *Plain Words* Flier

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No liberty do you accept but yours; the working people also have a right to freedom, and their rights, our own rights, we have set our minds to protect at any price.

We are not many, perhaps more than you dream of, though but are all determined to fight to the last, till a man remains buried in your Bastilles, till a hostage of the working class is left to the tortures of your police system, and will never rest until your fall is complete, and the laboring masses have taken possession of all that rightly belongs to them.

There will be bloodshed; we will not dodge; there will have to be murder: we will kill, because it is necessary; there will have to be destruction; we will destroy to rid the world of your tyrannical institutions.

We are ready to do anything and everything to suppress the capitalist class; just as you are doing anything and everything to suppress the proletarian revolution.

Our mutual position is pretty clear. What has been done by us so far is only a warning that there are friends of popular liberties still living. Only now we are getting into the fight; and you will have a chance to see what liberty-loving people can do.

Do not seek to believe that we are the Germans' or the devil's paid agents; you know well we are class-conscious men with strong determination, and no vulgar liability. And never hope that your cops, and your hounds will ever succeed in ridding the country of the anarchistic germ that pulses in our veins.

We know how we stand with you and know how to take care of ourselves. Besides, you will never get all of us and we multiply nowadays. Just wait and resign to your fate, since privilege and riches have turned your heads.

Long live social revolution! Down with tyranny!

THE ANARCHIST FIGHTERS.

74 Years Later, Plain Words Still Calls for Resistance

This article was originally published in the Plain Words (1993) published by the Paterson Anarchist Collective (PAC) and the New Jersey Anarchist Black Cross (NJ ABC.)

In 1919, radical anarchists all over the country staged a nation wide protest that was to show the authorities of the time that the people were fed up with their tactics, procedures, justice, and basically, their existence.

These anarchists planned to plant bombs at the homes and offices of leading political officials and bosses. The bombs were hand delivered by the anarchists on June 2, 1919 and all exploded within an hour of each other (12 midnight) in a massive demand for justice.

At each site that a bomb was to be placed, numerous copies of a pamphlet entitled "Plain Words" were also to appear.

Paterson, which has a truly inspiring

and thick anarchist history, was one of the many cities in which a bomb exploded on that night of the people's justice.

The pamphlet plainly stated that the conditions in which we were forced to live, under the fist of government, were intolerable. It went on to say "you jailed us, you clubbed us, you deported us, you murdered us whenever you could." And now "The powers that be... will have to accept the fight they have provoked."

In this same spirit of revolution, we bring the Plain Words back to the people of Paterson.

We can not agree more with our brothers and sisters of the past who called out for freedom in an environment of oppres-

sion. We too print this paper calling to all people to take action and fight back against the unjust beast called government.

We don't call for bombings and destruction as the original Plain Words did for several reasons. (One of them being that such a call would be illegal and would end in arrests and imprisonment.)

However this publication pleads with all of its readers to get involved in whatever way they can. We plead with all people to work together and to cooperate with each other in order to build a free society of all nationalities.

Plain Words hopes to be the revolutionary voice of a people who are yearning to smash the chains of capitalism, and to wake up a new dawn of true freedom.

"Do not expect us to sit down and pray and cry. We accept your challenge and mean to stick to our duties."

"We are not many; perhaps more than you dream of, but all are determined to fight to the last... we will never rest."

"You will never get us."



Tortuga: Arrests, Raids and Grand Jury

On October 1, 2009 at 6am, the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) raided an anarchist collective house in Queens, NY, known as the Tortuga house. According to the warrant, the reason for the raid was that residents had violated the federal riot laws.

For 16 hours police searched the home, tearing apart the home in search of any and all material deemed to be worthy of confiscation. What items did the police deem worthy, you may ask. Items included but were not limited to:

Curious George plush toys, artwork, correspondence with political prisoner Daniel McGowan, birth certificates, passports, the entire video archive of a local media collective, tax records, books, computers, storage devices, cell phones, Buffy the Vampire Slayer DVDs, flags, banners, posters, photographs

While we recognize the danger of all plush toys, especially those considered to be curious in nature, we know that the real impetus to the raid was the arrest of two residence of the Tortuga, Elliott Madison and Michael Wallschlagel, during the G-20 protests.

The two men, both anarchists, were arrested on September 24 in the suburbs of Pittsburgh. They were arrested for assisting the G-20 protesters avoid arrests by police via communication on Twitter. The two were released after 36 hours on detention

and posted bail. Many in the radical community viewed the arrests as simply absurd; only to have the level absurdity raised a level higher with the raids.

The JTTF, FBI, and all the rest of the government acronyms, wanted to prove that these two anarchists caused a riot in Pittsburgh. By providing the locations of police, street protesters were able to avoid arrests, thus

This is not the first time the federal riot law was used by the government to suppress the radical movement. It is the same law used during the prosecution of the Chicago 7 (Bobby Seale was actually the 8th defendant but was tried separately.) Let us remind you that this was the same trial where Bobby Seale found himself gagged and bound for participating in his own defense. Five of the defendant were eventually found guilty of the law, but were later thrown out on appeal.

Under the federal anti-rioting statute, it is a felony to "organize, promote, encourage, participate in, or carry on a riot; or [...] to aid or abet any person in inciting or participating in [...] a riot." By that token, simply telling a person fleeing cops with batons which way to run makes you a felon.

The day after the raid, the attorneys for defendants filed an injunction against the State forbidding the authorities from fish-

ing through the belongings until they returned to court.

After the raid, it became known that that a grand jury investigation was taking place against members of the Tortuga house. It was this investigation that lead to the raid of the house. The reason for the investigation will remain sealed until the indictments are announced.

On November 3, Pennsylvania authorities dropped charges against the two members of the Tortuga house. Instead of oral arguments regarding the defense motion to unseal the secret 18-page affidavit authorizing the arrests of the two anarchists in Pittsburgh, the prosecutor abruptly dropped all charges.

While at first glance this may be viewed as a victory, more than likely what we are seeing is the Pittsburgh DA stepping aside to allow the federal prosecution to take over. We are seeing an escalation in the prosecution of our dear friends at the Tortuga house.

Just a few months ago, our government praised Iranian protesters who used Twitter to direct marches and to communicate with the world. Today, the same act is viewed as terrorism when done by American citizens. In the US, free speech is only free, until you chose to use it. The attack on the Tortuga house and its residence is proof of this.

New York ABCF Statement on Tortuga

On October 1st, 2009, at 6:00 am, the Joint Terrorism Task Force kicked down the front door to an anarchist collective house in Queens, New York, affectionately known as Tortuga. This much you know. And while we of the NYC Anarchist Black Cross slept, our comrades were being subjected to the type of humiliating treatment that is typical from the state. The cops claimed to be searching for evidence related to rioting. We know better. These Federal rioting charges are not new to us, they were used to target the Chicago Seven in 1968. They beat the charges then and we'll beat them now.

This raid was a fishing expedition intended not only to intimidate public anarchists, but also to gather information for future prosecutions. It occurred in the context of a growing repression, the likes of which anarchists have not experienced in the last decade. What does it mean? If nothing else, it means we're doing something right. Apart from that, it means we need to intensify our capacity for effective strategizing. If the state is spending untold dollars and labor hours devising ways to van-

quish our networks, physical and otherwise, we must develop ways to counteract this.

SOLIDARITY

Over the last decade, two of our main strategies have been organizing in our neighborhoods and organizing in the streets. It is fair to say, we've gotten better at both. Unfortunately, divergent currents of thought have led many to think that we must focus on one or the other, that the two are in some way mutually exclusive. In reality, these two are often composed of the same people. Even when they aren't, they compliment each other; stronger ties in our neighborhoods creates support in the streets.

If we look to recent history, there are movements that did not see the separation between building stronger neighborhoods and militancy in the streets. There is plenty to learn from these movements, especially from those most affected by and entangled in the state's repression. As an organization

that supports political prisoners and prisoners of war, many coming from these very movements, we believe that their input can provide insight and inform our evolving strategies while also helping to keep them tied to the streets. With the number of political prisoners increasing— the majority of those most recently arrested are anarchists— this need to communicate with them should be evident.

We stand with the anarchists in Queens, not only out of solidarity with their ideas, but also because they are our friends and comrades. We realize that the state is attacking during a sensitive time — a time in which we are primed to put another chink in its armor while understanding we also face increased risks. We can work together and tear this motherfucker down and now is the time to focus on strategy, stay ahead of the cops, and support our friends, comrades, and allies when they most need it.

For the worlds we're building, against those that must come down,

ABCF-NYC
October 13th, 2009

Ojore Lutalo Released

On August 26, Anarchist, New Afrikan political prisoner Ojore Lutalo was finally released from prison after 26 years. Ojore spent most his time served in isolation, or "the hole," due to dedication to the revolutionary movement.

Ojore was serving a parole violation sentence stemming from a conviction for a bank expropriation to finance revolutionary activity and engaging in a gun battle with police in December 1975. He was also serving a forty-year sentence for a 1982 gunfight with a drug dealer in an attempt to expropriate funds and rid communities of

drug dealers.

Ojore spent a few week in Philadelphia getting reoriented and is planning to move back to New Jersey.

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Lynne Stewart Ordered to Prison

On November 19, Lynne Stewart turned herself in at the Lower Manhattan federal courts to begin her 28-month sentence. In 2002, the United States Government indicted Stewart for conspiring to defraud the US, conspiring to provide and conceal material support to terrorist activity, providing and concealing material support to terrorist activity and two counts of making false statements.

Stewart's real crime? For 30 years, Stewart worked heroically to defend America's poor, underprivileged, and unwanted, never afforded due process and judicial fairness without an advocate like her. Where others wouldn't go, she defended controversial figures like David Gilbert of the Weather Underground, Richard Williams of the United Freedom Front, Sekou Odinga and Nasser Ahmed of the Black Liberation Army, and many more like them.

The charges and conviction of Stewart is based around her former client Sheik Abdel Rahman. At former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark's request, Stewart joined him as part of Rahman's court-appointed defense team. In his 1995 show trial, he was convicted and is now serving a life sentence for seditious conspiracy, solicitation of murder, solicitation of an attack on American military installations, conspiracy to murder, and conspiracy to bomb in connection with the 1993 World Trade Center attack despite evidence proving his innocence on all charges.

In addition to charging Stewart, the DOJ also charged a number of others: Mohammed Yousry, the Arabic language interpreter for communications between Stewart and Rahman; Ahmed Abdel Sattar, a resident of Staten Island, New York and described in the indictment as a "surrogate" for Rahman; and Yassir Al-Sirri, currently in custody in the United Kingdom.

The indictment alleges that Stewart allowed Yousry to communicate with Rahman in Arabic regarding nonlegal mat-

ters, and that she purposely made extraneous comments in English that would mask and conceal the Arabic conversation.

She was also accused of violating US Bureau of Prisons Special Administrative Measures (SAMs) that included a gag order on her client, Sheik Abdel Rahman. When imposed, they prohibit discussion on topics the Justice Department (DOJ) rules outside of "legal representation," so lawyers can't discuss them with clients, thus inhibiting their defense.

Her 2004 - 2005 show trial was a mockery of justice with echoes of the worst McCarthy-like tactics. Inflammatory terrorist images were displayed in court to prejudice the jury, and prosecutors vilified Stewart as a traitor with "radical" political views. In addition, days before the verdict, the militant pro-Israeli Jewish Defense Organization put up flyers near the courthouse displaying her address. It threatened to "drive her out of her home and out of the state," and said she "needs to be put out of business legally and effectively."

It was part of the orchestrated scheme inside and outside the courtroom to heighten fear, convict Stewart, and intimidate other lawyers to expect the same treatment if they dare represent unpopular clients effectively.

On February 10, 2005 (after a seven month trial and 13 days of deliberation) she was convicted on all five counts. Under New York state law, she was automatically disbarred, and the state Supreme Court's Appellate Division denied her petition to resign voluntarily. On October 17, 2006, she was sentenced to 28 months imprisonment, but remained free on bond pending appeal before the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Stewart Ordered to Prison

On November 17, the Appeals Court revoked Stewart's bond, upheld the verdict, ordered her surrender forthwith, but stayed

it until November 19 at 5PM to let her attorney file a motion for reconsideration. It was denied, so Lynne Stewart turned herself in to begin her sentence.

The situation remains fluid, dire, and complicated by Stewart's battle with breast cancer. She has surgery scheduled for December 7, unlikely now, but if done in prison or where authorities direct, it won't be the quality she deserves.

In its ruling, the three judge panel (John Walker, Guido Calabresi and Robert Sack) was firm, hostile and belligerent in upholding the lower court's conviction. Judge Sack accused Stewart of lying and called for a longer sentence. "We think that whether (she) lied under oath at her trial is directly relevant to whether her sentence was appropriate," he wrote, and directed District Court Judge John Koeltl to re-sentence her "so as to reflect that finding." Judge Walker was even harsher, calling the original sentence "breathtakingly low." Judge Calabrese said: "I am at a loss for any rationale upon this record that could reasonably justify a sentence of 28 months' imprisonment for this defendant."

They all said Stewart was "convicted principally with respect to (her violating) measures by which (she) had agreed to abide," namely SAMs. They rejected her "argument that, as a lawyer, she was not bound by (them), and her belated argument collaterally attacking their constitutionality." They also:

"affirm(ed her conviction) of providing and concealing material support to the conspiracy to murder persons in a foreign country (and) of conspiring to provide and conceal such support....We conclude that the charges were valid (and) the evidence was sufficient to sustain the convictions. We also reject Stewart's claims that her purported attempt to serve as a 'zealous advocate' for her client provides her with immunity from

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Running Down the Walls 2009



Statements by our Imprisoned Comrades

Phil Africa Statement

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION

Ona Move!

My revolutionary best to all at ABCF and all those involved in the work of True Revolution! Much respect to all those active in the serious work needed to gain the release of all PP/POWs! I truly hope all are strong and on THE MOVE in the work needed to Completely Eliminate this rotten reform world system that imposes its destructive ways on ALL LIFE.

As always I'm sure that RDTW will again be the great success it has been in the past. I speak for THE MOVE ORGANIZATION in saying that we are in solidarity with this event and all those who support it. Just heard the news of this system's continued attack on Leonard Peltier. Everyone should be up in arms about the vulgarity of the 15-year hit given Leonard by the parole board! Like with the SF8, this system's hatred for those with the courage to stand against it in defense of what's right, is historical.

Run-a-way Slaves were hunted down for daring to be in the Free as GOD MAMMA NATURE intends ALL LIFE to be. The Native Peoples were Slaughtered for daring to hold to their Right to live and the land MOTHER NATURE made them caretakers of!

31 years later THE MOVE 9 are still

being held hostage by this system for daring to survive this system's attempt to murder us on August 8, 1978 and the list goes on and on. For those of you running for Justice for All, I truly hope that your footsteps are heard around the world and shakes the brittle bones of All oppressors! Let each foot step, each voice heard, be a strong statement to this system, that no one it has and is still doing an injustice to, will ever be forgotten! Let each foot step be a Demand to this system to release Chip Fitzgerald, Herman Bell, Sundiata Acoli, Mumia Abu Jamal, Hugo Pinell, Robert Seth Hayes, David Gilbert, Marilyn Buck, The MOVE 9, Veronza Bowers, the Cuban 5, and the unending list of others, too many to name at this time, but are Not forgotten just because their names were not mentioned.

Those who have been Unjustly denied their release from these hell holes for way far too long, Let the run ring loud to this system, that these folk of strong committed reflections of Justice and Freedom are not and will never be forgotten and that their release is being Demanded!

Let every foot step remind this system that all of those who have given their lives to this struggle are Forever Loved by us all! That they are, as all Good Soldiers of this Revolution, missed but Never Forgotten! Let everyone feel their strong dedicated spirits flow through your hearts & souls

with every step and fill you with the strength and motivation to carry on this struggle until the battle for Justice & Freedom for ALL is won and a reality for ALL! To quote JOHN AFRICA "SOLIDARITY IS UNITY. WITHOUT UNITY YOU CAN'T HAVE REVOLUTION." LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA! Let us always find that Common Ground to work in harmony, work in solidarity in and in unity help build that better world for all.

Again my love & solidarity to ALL! Take care, stay strong and keep ON THE MOVE.

Ona MOVE!

Your Bro in Revolution
Phil Africa

FREE THE MOVE 9!
FREE MUMIA ABU JAMAL!
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
FREE ALL SOCIAL AND CLASS
WAR PRISONERS!

NEVER FORGET MAY 13TH, 1985!
LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION AND DOWN WITH THIS ROTTEN REFORM WORLD SYSTEM!

William Phillips Africa

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Sekou Cinque Kambui's Statement

Dear friends, comrade in struggle:

As a Political Prisoner held hostage for over forty years now by the slave manufacturing state of Alabama. Your sacrifice and diligent efforts in solidarity and support of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of war is deeply appreciated. Keep up the good work!

Your Missive advising us in the Social Consciousness Development Group (SCDG) about Running Down the Walls event that you have organized arrived safely. All concerned are in solidarity with you and though incarcerated we will be

Running Down the Walls with you here at station C.F. under the organization of SCDG Chairman Sekou Kambui.

We feel that to run with you, even removed as we are from the forerunners outside, we are demonstrating our solidarity and support of the principles by which you were guided and motivated to organize RDTW on behalf of PP/POW's.

September 6th is the birthday of Sekou Kambui the chairman of SCDG and so he is proud to be able to give a celebration in dedication to his fellow PP and Virgo Leonard Peltier whose birth month he

shares. We, in SCDG are also fighters for social justice and a part of the "International Prisoner's Human Rights Liberation Struggle" movement.

Stay strong! Keep the struggle Alive and the faith in the righteousness of the cause you have embraced in the forefront of your endeavors.

I am, I remain, In solidarity and struggle

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Sebu Kessa Saa Tabansi's Statement

Anarchist Salutations and revolutionary greetings!

Comrades I am unable to run except for in segregation, but there is NO exercise yard on September 12th 2009. However I will pace the cell in circles to be there in spirit!

My words- For you all, the struggle is a continuum, "Unified we stand and divided we fail."

My knowledge- "A journey of one thousand miles begins with one step."

My encouragement- "never quit, run free or die"

My solidarity- "Struggle! Free all political Prisoners and Prisoners of War!"

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Janine Phillips Africa's Statement

I Love yall's Running Down The Walls event! It's a good way to bring people together and focus on the cause. I know it will make Leonard Peltier feel good, it will make all of us Political Prisoners feel good to see the support and care yall have for us, THANKYOU!

We are still strong, we're still commit-

ted to this revolution and we're still innocent! This is why it's so important for people to show their support in any way they can, no matter how small it may seem because there is no justice in this system. They got one set of laws for the rich and another for the rest of us. The power is in the people though, people just need to real-

ize this.

Thanks again for yall's dedication to the fight for justice!

ON THE MOVE!

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Bill Dunne's Statement

Salutations and felicitations to all the comrades participating in Running Down the Walls 2009!

This year September 12th is a particularly meaningful day to let the peoples' feet shake the apparatus of oppression, September 12th is Leonard Peltier's birthday, he is a strong comrade in the struggle for the most equitable social reality in which all people will have the greatest pos-

sible freedom to attain their full human potential. He has never wavered despite being among the longest held political prisoners in the U.S. gulag archipelago and this year he was attacked by the federal parole commission, that agency of repression inflicted yet another 15 year hit on Leonard for no other reason than that he is such a strong comrade, a powerful symbol. So let us vote with our feet! Vote for freedom for

Leonard! Vote for freedom for all political prisoners! Vote against oppression! My vote may be cast in relative isolation but I will feel the walls trembling to the cadence of our collective foot falls.

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Jaan Laaman's Statement

I want to send a big shout out to everyone Running Down the Walls today - Saturday, Sept. 12th, 2009. This is Jaan Laaman and I'm speaking to you from inside the u.s. penitentiary in Tucson, Arizona. Yes, I myself and a multinational group of solid prisoners will be Running Down the Walls, behind these walls in the Sonoran desert with all of you this Saturday morning.

I'm very pleased to hear we have 12 outside runs, taking place from Los Angeles to Boston and places in between, and we have some runs in other countries too. I also know we have a lot of runs going on inside prisons from coast to coast as well.

I want to send out a salute to all my ABC Federation folks and all the people

running with them. And I want to send a salute out to all my Jericho people and all the runners rolling with them. I want to salute every person and all the groups who are running today. While long miles and high walls separate us, today we run as one large collective, growing in numbers, understanding and solidarity in support of political prisoners and ALL prisoners in our struggles for justice and survival.

We are young and old, women and men, many nationalities, running in prison yards and city parks and streets. All of us should take added strength and commitment from this solidarity as we sweat out one more lap and one more mile in our run today. I'm sure we all are looking forward to hearing

reports on how the various runs went.

Today also happens to be our long held Native political prisoner brother, Leonard Peltier's birthday. Leonard has been in prison for 33 years and he just got a 15 year hit from the parole board — You are in our thoughts bro - we are running for you and for ALL of us. So enough talk, lets get to sweating and running down these walls —

Running for Justice -

Running for Human Dignity and Rights

Jaan K. Laaman

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Oso Blaco de Aztlan's Statement

Brothers and Sisters,
Yes run down the walls!

Everyday I pray for Revolution and Freedom. But this is no small matter. The Animals-Earth Mother-Natives and all peoples need a break to cleanse from this destructive civilization. So for 8 years I've been praying for the economy to crash. Let

he who can survive in Nature survive. Let he who knows only the artificial world return to the spirit.

No occupation of Aztlan
No prisons- No research labs
No Reservations- No zoos
Free Leonard Peltier!
Free Tom Manning!

Free Veronza Bowers!

Love,
Oso Blanco de Aztlan.
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Akili Castlin's Statement

Revolutionary greetings,

Friends, we send our deepest gratitude, love and support to you all there, who've gathered on all of our behalf.

Please know, we are one in "running down the walls" — whether here within the kamps such as Pelican Bay's newly implemented, illegal and highly secret section of its infamous draconian sensory deprivation chamber, the Security Housing Unit (SHU) — or there within the less visible walls of a parasitic capitalist social system.

This year's run is especially important

due to the unprecedented changes taking place within the hearts and minds of average everyday citizens.

As we lace-up our tennis shoes and prepare to run down these walls, know every step of these five miles, every breath we expend is done in solidarity with one another and all victims of imperialism in all its hideous terms. With every mile, we grow closer in mind and spirit to each other and the reality of an anti-authoritarian, egalitarian, free society. Together we run down the walls of gender-bias, hierarchy,

racism, the prison industrial complex, the military industrial complex, homelessness, hatred and lack, in all the forms capitalism has implemented it.

We, the short corridor few, are a class of prisoners being held in California's ultra-secret and torturous section of the SHU, which further restricts our communications, movement and associations. This tactic appears to be modeled on the federal prisons' "Communications Management Units." We have been classified without due process of any kind as "threats to the

internal safety and security” of the prison industrial complex and subjected without court hearing or justification to extraordinary communication and sensory restrictions. All this, for no other reason than our political beliefs, ideologies and willingness to do more than talk.

We will be running the 5 miles with you all there. The yard in which we are able to run is 26 x 10 feet with 20 foot high walls and security cameras. Its perimeter is about 72 feet or 24 yards. Each of us will

be running 315 or more laps individually within this cold gray cage where even sunlight dies. We’re allowed 90 minutes on the yard, one man at a time, so we will be running throughout the day on Saturday September 12, 2009.

Again, we send our deepest gratitude, love and loyalty. Please check out 4strug-glemag.com, issue 13, or www.freejaan.com for insight and commentary on CMU prisons at the federal level. As both federal and state prisons

now share techniques under the Dept. of Homeland Security, we can expect more of the same in our state institutions.

For a more in depth discussion on the state system, or to find out more about the state system, I can be written to at

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LA ABCF's Report Back on the RDTW

We are pleased to report that the Los Angeles run was a success. Despite attempts to halt our activities, the event continued as planned. We came together as one – shook the ground – sending the message that we will not stop until our comrades are free.

We would like to say that the event began without a hitch, but to make that claim would certainly be a lie. Less than 48 hours prior to our event, LA ABCF received an email from the Department of Parks and Recreation informing us that we could not have the event at Whittier Narrows Regional Park. The excuse given was that despite our event being smaller than most family gatherings or sporting events held at this location – we must have a permit. One of our members contacted the department in an attempt to resolve the issue but they were adamant that the event will not continue.

After much discussion, the chapter agreed that canceling the event was not an option. We had prisoners running in prison yards and even in their cells. To quit would fly in the face of everything the event stands for – solidarity and resistance.

When we arrived to set up, we noticed an unusual number of park employees and police patrols. We have been to this park on numerous occasions and have had only a few sightings of police. This said we were still uncertain if this was a case hyper-awareness or whether our concerns were justified.

We prepared for the run as usual with

only slight modifications. Rather than putting up the ABCF banner and anarchist flags, we traded them in for black, red and yellow balloons (colors of AIM) and red and black streamers (color of anarchism.) From the outside, we looked like a birthday party not an anarchist event. Rather than hanging signs for the run, we hung signs for “Peltier’s Birthday Bash.”

Folks who arrived for the run were quick to figure out where to go. Police on the other hand were none the wiser. While patrol passed our event, the birthday cake, festive atmosphere and broad diversity of attendees – must have given them the impression that we did not fit the typical group of anarchists they were looking for.

After a few words from LA ABCF member, Mapache, the group listened to statements from prisoners – including an audio message from Jaan Laaman. Everyone came together to take a group photograph and then the run began.

It wasn’t until people were on the course for the run, did we truly understand that the police presence was much larger than what we even thought. Police were stationed throughout the park riding horses, in Bronco truck, undercover vehicle and standard patrol cars. Patrols were driving on the pathway forcing families and runners off the course and occasionally giving suspicious runners the stink-eye. At one point, one of the runners overheard a police officer inquire to the whereabouts of the anarchists. Little did they know that Running Down the Walls (AKA Anarchist Birthday

Brigade or the Peltier’s Birthday Bash) was running right under their noses.

After the run was over, LA ABCF presented prizes to the first and second-place runners, as well as, the person who raised the most money. We proceeded to eat cake and flautas, talk politics and interact with old and new friends.

At the end of the event, we managed to raise \$900, which will be split between the ABCF Warchest, Chip Fitzgerald Homecoming Fund and the Ojore Lutalo.

Overall, we are pleased with the day. The attempt to disrupt the event only strengthened our determination to make this event happen. There was to be no excuse for failure. Turning back was not an option. Not with our imprisoned comrades running behind the barbed wire. We must move forward. It is only through our resistance that we are able to show our solidarity. In the end, we figure what would a run be without a few hurdles – it certainly wouldn’t be Running Down the Walls.

LA ABCF



Arcata ABC's Report Back on RDTW

In Arcata, CA we had a small but good run. We had a total of 9 runners/walkers. Our run took place at the Arcata Community Forest where we ran slightly over 5k up and down the trails in the forest. Like some of the other RDTW we had ours scheduled for 10am-2pm, but had a 2 HOUR delay because there was another 5k run scheduled for 10am-12pm, and for some reason which was not told to us, they had the only two entrances to the actual trails CLOSED OFF by the fire department (even though every other time that there

has been a run scheduled in the forest the public still had access as long as they did not interfere with the runners). They also had a police car parked at the entrance of the parking lot, when there never is any police, and as reported by some of the runners for our event there was also police patrolling in front of the parking lot.

We used the two hours to talk to people in the park who came up and asked us what it was that we were doing. Some people who were just at the park donated some money. Once the 2hour bulls**t was over,

we started our event. We talked about the importance of RDTW and of supporting PP/POW, then read some of the statements from the political prisoners, took a group photo then started the run. We hung out for a while after then run then parted ways.

In the end we raised \$210 dollars. Some other people have contacted us and said they would like to donate more money, so there might be more money to throw into the pot for RDTW.

-sinapu (Arcata ABCF-SG)

Daniel McGowan's Report Back

Today, on a muggy day at USP Marion, I ran 5K to coincide with the Anarchist Black Cross Federation's annual "Running down the Walls" benefit run in Los Angeles (with other runs & bike rides around the continent). Because of this year's timing, I did it solo (more than 2/3 of the men here fast during the Muslim month of Ramadan). Despite an allergy flare up and an absurd amount of smoke from a nearby

wood burning stove, I finished the 5K in 33:04. I have to disclaim that time though! You should know that our yard's path is only 1/18th of a mile requiring me to run 55 laps and make a fairly hard turn 220 times! It was a great day to run and I started my run at 12PM so that I would be running at the same time as the folks in LA. I thought a lot today about all the others participating in the run and how this isolation

I feel is really an illusion—that there are many others out there that struggle against this cruel and unjust system. My thoughts are with all of you out there struggling for a better world and my fellow political prisoners (and all prisoners for that matter). I hope all of the runs were successful today and that a lot of funds were raised to boost the important work the ABCF does.

- Daniel

Jaana Laaman's Report Back

Here in usp Tucson, we had a morning run — 33 brothers, Black, white, Latino (Cubano, Boricua, Mexicano, Nica), one wheelchair Bostonian and few old heads who walked some and ran some, rolled, walked and Ran Down the Walls here in the Sonoran desert. We had a few words

before we took off as one large group, reminding everyone that as we ran many many others behind other walls were running, as well as people in 12 cities across the country - separated by miles and walls, but united in our efforts for Justice and Freedom. We also said a few words about

this being Leonard (Peltier) birthday and the 15 year hit the parole board recently gave him - we ran for him and for all of us. Everyone took some inspiration in this unity and solidarity and everyone felt positive after finishing the 13 laps we ran, which was just over 5k. -Jaana

Toronto ABCF's Report Back

Congratulations, LA, for holding it down - very impressive! The Toronto-PBSP run raised \$500, though money may still trickle in. I'll let you know how

it went at PBSP in a couple weeks (mail is slow). I am sore and walking like a fool.

-ke

FREQUENTLY USED

Acronyms/ Terms

ABCF: Anarchist Black Cross Federation - anti-authoritarian federation of ABC groups who support and defend PP/POWs.

ABC-BG: Branch Group - ABCF group with more responsibilities than a SG.

ABC-SG: Support Group - ABCF group with fewer responsibilities than a BG.

AIM: American Indian Movement - above ground revolutionary organization of Native Americans.

Anarchism: Free or libertarian socialism. Anarchists are opposed to government, the state, and capitalism. Therefore, simply speaking, anarchism is a no government form of socialism. Types of anarchists include: Anarcho-Communist, Anarcho-Syndicalist, Autonomist, Collectivist, Individualists, and Mutualists.

BLA: Black Liberation Army - revolutionary Black clandestine formation formed to defend the Black community and the BPP, inactive since the '80s.

BPP: Black Panther Party - above ground Black revolutionary group seeking Black political power, disbanded in the mid-'70s.

FALN: *english translation:* Armed Forces of National Liberation - revolutionary clandestine group fighting for Puerto Rican independence.

FC: Federation Council - decision-making body of the ABCF.

MOVE: Not an acronym, the name of an organization based in Philadelphia whose members are committed to the teachings of John Africa. Their belief is in "life."

PC: Prisoner's Committee - rotating body of 5 PP/POWs on the ABCF's FC.

PP/POWs: Political Prisoners and/or Prisoners of War.

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Self-Defense: The legal act of protecting one's life or the life of another with the idea/purpose of self-determination and independence. Armed self-defense is relative to the ABCF, specifically in the U.S., in that as the organization grows, so too grows the need to protect ourselves from the armed aggressor of the state, right wing, and other ideological opponents. (Firearms training as preparation for self-defense are legal activities within the confines of the U.S.)

Self Determination: The right by virtue of which all peoples are entitled freely to determine their political status and pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. All peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic cooperation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit and international law. In no case may a people be deprived of their own means of subsistence.

SDS: Students for a Democratic Society - left student group founded in the '60s.

The Update: This is a quarterly publication of the ABCF.

WUO: Weather Underground Organization - first the Weathermen, later known as the WUO, evolved out of the SDS as an underground formation of primarily white anti-imperialist revolutionaries from the student movement.

(The Anarchist Black Cross Federation (ABCF) produces the Revolutionary Political Dictionary with these and other expanded definitions of political terms. Available from Los Angeles ABC for \$1 and two 41 cents stamps.)

Boston Jericho's Report Back

More than 20 people came out on Saturday 9/12, in spite of sometimes

heavy rains, to run our 5K for political prisoners at the Jamaica Pond. We set off with an inspiring message from Jaan Laaman, recorded from inside the US penitentiary in Tucson Arizona, where he organized more than 30 prisoners to run this year

After the run, we were joined by members of the Mashpee Wampanoag commu-

nity, who talked about the struggle of justice for Leonard Peltier and drummed in his honor.

We raised \$500 from the run and will be matching this with Jericho funds, allowing us to send \$500 each to the Leonard Peltier Defense/Offense Committee and to Ojore Lutalo, a New Afrikan Anarchist prisoner of war who has recently been released.

Thanks to all who came out on Saturday for helping to make a successful event.

Lets work together to make it bigger next year!

-Jericho Boston

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Akili Castlin's Report Back

It's the 12th and today we run down these walls - walls invisible to the untrained eye. Today i will be running down depression, dejection, self-deprecation, disbelieve in our greatness, our righteousness. I will run down this ever-present nagging procrastination which floats

reminders of missteps and past failures. Today i will run down the beauty of my own true self, and our own truest selves, stolen and bagged by capitalist self-proclaimed rulers of our lives and i will once and for all, from within my own, our own, selves, release that great momentous, all-

encompassing love and unity, that will make this race, this human race, worthwhile and a true champion of all the beauty and grace this planet gives us.

Love and Loyalty,

Akili

Jalil Denied Parole

Jalil Muntaqim had a parole hearing Tuesday, November 17 and was informed the following day that he was denied parole.

In a brief report from him by phone he noted that the board was courteous, saying that his record showed improvement and a good attitude. They noted his exemplary record, but still, they denied him parole.

Jalil thanks everyone who wrote letters of support and says he will appeal the decision.

Jalil is a Black Liberation Army prisoner who was convicted as one of the New York 3 and was recently part of the San Francisco 8 case.

His next scheduled parole hearing will be in June 2010.

Robert Seth Hayes Married

We have received news from Seth's daughter that Robert Seth Hayes was recently married in October.

We in the Anarchist Black Cross Federation wish to extend a congratulations to our friend Seth. We are happy for you and wish you all the happiest and love in the world. We hope that with love comes liberation!

Denver ABC's Application for Support Group Status

Denver Anarchist Black Cross formed in June 2009 with the goal of contributing to the defense of social movements, both internally and externally, working against oppression and for self-determination.

Since we've formed, we have started several projects, tabled at events, and organized some key events. While still modest steps in the fight for liberation, we're excited about the work done so far and the work ahead.

Some of the highlights include starting a blog (denverabc.wordpress.com) with daily updates on state repression, announcements of events and campaigns in support of political prisoners, prisoners writings and more. Through the anarchist website and tech service Raise the Fist, we also set up an Emergency Response Network for the Denver area which sends time sensitive developments on the status of political prisoners and activists in trouble to people's cell phone and/or email address. Also on the website is a list of political prisoners and their updated contact information, which we have also released as a print publication for people.

We've organized a few events, such as a screening of Incident at Oglala- The Leonard Peltier Story in the lead up to his

parole hearing. Monthly letter writing dinners have also begun at a local church. We participated in the annual Running Down the Walls 5K where we raised \$500 and got some much needed exercise.

South of Denver is the Supermax Prison in Florence, CO. Many of our imprisoned comrades are housed there, so we've started to begin there with direct political work. From our letters, we have struck up a correspondence with Mutulu Shakur. He has a lot of wisdom to share and he also a lot of areas in which he needs support. We've decided to send \$30 a month for his commissary and we are finalizing the other ways in which we'd like to support him, making sure to be generous but also dependable and realistic with what we can offer.

Antonio Guerrero of the Cuban Five was also imprisoned in Florence until just recently. We'll be promoting and supporting an art showing on September 22nd in Boulder of his Antonio's artwork being organized by the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five.

West Denver Copwatch is another project that is springing up out of our collective. We're beginning with outreach to neighbors and hope to soon have regular patrols going

on in the area.

In August our collective's goals and skills were tested here at home when fellow anarchist Ariel Attack was charged with breaking the windows of the Democrats' party office. Denver ABC worked with many other dedicated friends of Ariel to quickly raise the \$5,000 bail and also bring people out to the courtroom for her arraignment.

In addition to working around defense against external forces such as state repression, we're also looking at ways we can contribute to the internal health and resiliency of the social movements we are a part of. Within our collective, we've started regular discussions and activities around an anti-white supremacy praxis. We'll be starting a publication in the late fall to highlight the cases of political prisoners and others caught in the cross wires of government backlash as well as resources internally that folks can use to continue the fight for justice. There's a few other ideas kicking around in our heads and there are also a lot of great organizations and individuals here in Denver that we can learn from and possibly collaborate with in the future.

Love and Solidarity,

Denver Anarchist Black Cross



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the convictions....”

“Finally, we affirm Stewart’s convictions for knowingly and willfully making false statements....when she affirmed that she intended to, and would, abide by the SAMs. In light of her repeated and flagrant violation of (them), a reasonable factfinder could conclude that (her) representations that she intended to and would abide by the SAMs were knowingly false when made. We reject the remaining challenges to the convictions. (We) affirm the district court’s rejection of Stewart’s claim that she was selectively prosecuted on account of her gender or political beliefs....We therefore affirm the convictions in their entirety.”

They redirected her case to District Court Judge Koeltl for re-sentencing. The DOJ wants 30 years. Koeltl originally imposed 28 months, let Stewart remain free on bond pending appeal, implied his decision might be overturned because of a gross miscarriage of justice, effectively rebuked the Bush administration at the time, and handed it a major defeat. Her fate is now in his hands, but justice has already been denied at a time we’re all as vulnerable as she if we dare resist state policies, unchanged under an administration no different from its predecessor.

In a November 17 news conference, Stewart said:

“I’m too old to cry, but it hurts too much not to.” In criticizing the Court’s decision,

she said its timing “on the eve of the arrival of the tortured men from offshore prison in Guantanamo” suggests that lawyers appointed to represent them may face the same fate as she. “If you’re going to lawyer for these people, you’d better toe very close to the line that the government has set out (because they’ll) be watching you every inch of the way, (so those who don’t) will end up like Lynne Stewart. This is a case that is bigger than just me personally (but she added that she’ll) go on fighting.

Please write to Lynne:

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Modesto Anarchist Arrested in UC Protest

In response to a combination of budget cuts, fee hikes and union busting tactics, students, teachers and workers called for a strike throughout University of College campuses. For three days, November 18-20, thousands of students and allies protested on campuses, occupied buildings and held meetings to discuss the concerns.

Students throughout the state were arrested for various charges, including trespassing and failure to disperse. And while these arrests are a concern to us, there is one specific arrest that we wish for people to take notice of.

During the protests in Berkley, a Modesto anarchist, Doug Gilbert, was arrested and charged with “Inciting a Riot.” Gilbert was leaving a rally, when police on bicycles followed him down Telegraph Ave. Gilbert and a few comrades entered a

restaurant, where Gilbert proceeded to the restroom. Police entered the establishment and violently confronted two of Gilbert’s comrades. They entered the restroom arresting Gilbert.

Berkley CopWatch filmed the arrest. When they inquired as to the reason for the arrest, the police responded, “he can tell you later.” CopWatch also reported that they saw a student activist talking to police, specifically pointing out several individuals, including Gilbert. The student activist later denied pointing out Gilbert, but admitted talking to police. Bystanders also reported to CopWatch that they overheard the police say something to the effect of, “there’s that anarchist.”

Doug Gilbert was arraigned on November 19th with a packed court of 40 to 50 supporters with more outside the

courtroom. His charges have been reduced to carrying a weapon on school property. He was released later that night just before midnight.

Doug Gilbert is a solid class-conscious anarchist. He – along with the others in the Modesto Anarchist Crew (MAC)- have been developing some solid programs that are guided less by what is popular in the anarchist ghetto and more about what is needed in the community of Modesto. Gilbert is one of those anarchists that we are proud to support and encourage others to stand by him. His arrest and the allegations attached with it, is simply ridiculous. Gilbert has the support of the Los Angeles Anarchist Black Cross Federation. We encourage all within the ABCF and the larger anarchist and political prisoner support community to support him as well.

Oso Blanco Campaign Report *by Mapache*

On October 14, I received word from Yona Unaga (Oso Blanco) in usual fashion, several letters with lots of info, love, and an undying spirit for the self-determination of indigenous people. It brings me great joy to write this overview regarding the Oso Blanco National Call-In and Letter Writing Campaign that was carried out on October 5th, 2009.

Most of you reading this may already know about Oso Blanco aka Byron Chubbuck, but for those of you who do not, he is a member of the Cherokee Nation (Wolf Clan) who was sentenced to 80 years for expropriating funds to send to the Zapatistas in Chiapas, with the intent of funding their actions and especially, feeding Mayan children. Oso has been transferred, harassed, denied religious items, beaten, gassed, subjected to other types of psychological and physical abuse, and still to this day, his Indian ethnicity absent from the prison database.

The campaign was initially started by Citizens In Action, and made public on www.osoblanco.org. The ABCF (U.S./Canada), Jericho Movement, and Revolutionary Autonomous Communities (RAC), and many Autonomous ABC’s in the US and Mexico immediately got involved and a joint action was coordinated for October 5th 2009.

The October 5th action was planned by those of us on the outside as a nation-wide day of calling in to the warden of USP Lewisberg, which as Oso Blanco describes is “another Marion” with its 23 hours lockdowns, staff abuse, poor conditions, and so forth. The call-in time was to be between 7-9am Pacific although anytime on October 5th would be fine.

In the days leading up to October 5th Oso Blanco released a statement and encouraged everyone to get involved, and soon after Oso Blanco’s support group and ourselves here at the ABCF reported get-

ting wind of the event through other groups and people we had no ties with. Joaquin from RAC informed me that a compañero of his had called in to the prison and was redirected to the out of town manager of “Z” unit instead of the warden, throwing many of us off.

On October 5th I called in at approximately 9:04 am, and was greeted by a staff member who cut me off when I mentioned Byron Chubbuck’s name, angrily asking me “Did you just call!?” I replied that I had not and continued speaking to her as she muttered several comments under her breath before hanging up on me. I got in contact with my comrade Lane and a few others immediately after who mentioned similar experiences of having staff mention previous calls, transferring them to other unrelated phone lines or to the manager of Z Unit who was on vacation on the 5th and would be returning the next day.

What this did however was create a

buckshot of support through the prison phone lines where one caller was being transferred 3-4 times and leaving 3-4 messages to 3-4 different people. While there is no way for us to find out an accurate estimate of how many callers there were, our suspicions were confirmed when Lane called the manager of Z Unit the next day (October 6th) to continue the support for Oso Blanco. He reported that the Z unit manager had just returned from vacation that day and that there was a "flood of calls, letters, and other correspondence regarding Mr. Chubuck" on the 5th.

After this, I sent Oso two typed letters letting asking him how his conditions were. I let him know that if we did not hear back from him we would assume that he was being punished for the 5th and would be organizing another action. I received word from Oso Blanco yesterday, here wrote a statement in which he references two cases of beatings, one in response to a false accusation that he "threw feces at guards":

Sumner Gray who has been doing support for Oso Blanco for years has reported receiving 3 letters from him in the days following the action. While no correspondence has been received from Oso Blanco by the support group since the 5th it would appear that his mail is flowing again.

I also received a letter from a brother from the Yakama Nation sending thanks for

the Oso Blanco action as well as detailing some of the torture he and other indigenous prisoners have undergone, I will see if I can get permission to type some of this up and relay it out. This is beyond prisoner abuse and clearly racial as the Red brothers are struggling for spiritual reasons and being denied religious items, instead being shackled and beaten (72 hours for this brother).

First: This action and the end results are clear indicators that our Native American brothers in the struggle are being singled out and there needs to be more work done to support Indigenous political prisoners, and Indigenous prisoners in the belly of the beast.

Second: Oso Blanco needs support, and lots of it. Write him and more importantly he requests that we send him any zines or publications that can be used to pass around to the brothers inside. Contact me if you are interested in helping. (MapachinABC@gmail.com)

Third: At the moment Oso is pleased and has received no abuse, which is all good news. But we cannot be naive enough to assume that we have "won." While we cannot expect the prison system to give Oso a hug and an apology, we also cannot let the support for ANY political prisoners dwindle. We did not think up the politics of these movements we consider ourselves a

part of, the older generations paved the way so we could carry out their ideals. They are in there FOR us, we are out here FOR them.

Let us never forget that!

Statement from Oso Blanco:

"Everything seems to be the same- No harassment yet. Its what they did June 23 and June 24 that ticks me off. IF I did that to them- I'd get 15 years for assault. But they can do that crap to us and it's no big deal- they hide our complaint- they lie- what ever, and return out complaint so it will be considered late and rejected.

I think the captain and housing unit manager are acting odd- they ran like two crazy people to my door today to stop me from getting a newspaper under my door. Like he and the captain just made a military action..."

Good Work People!

I ain't been hurt.

But time will tell.

Stay Strong Everyone,

-Yona Unaga

Support Yona Unaga!

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"We Are All Alex!" *by Mapache*

Sisters and brothers,

About 200 people showed up today at the rally for peace activist Alex Sanchez in downtown Los Angeles. The rally was held as the court was once again going over Alex's bail hearing, and the community was very anxious to hear the end result. I was greeted with smiles and warm gestures by Alex's brother, another organizer from Homies Unidos, and both familiar and unfamiliar faces.

The atmosphere was very peaceful, relaxed, and extremely friendly. It was easy to make conversation with any stranger today and the environment seemed more like a family gathering than a political event. For some however, it was. Aside from Alex's brother Oscar Sanchez who is always present at these events, there were several family members who made the journey from Northern California to support Alex. The Youth Justice Coalition, CopWatch Los Angeles, Anarchist Black Cross Federation, Busriders Union and many other groups showed up to give their love and support to Alex, many wearing paper Alex Sanchez masks and "WE ARE ALEX" shirts.

I spoke with Oscar and was very happy to see him in high spirits. I also spoke with another Homies Unidos organizer who surprisingly still remembered me from a few

months back when we first met. While both commented that they were happy with the turnout, they each said the same thing on different occasions: this is bigger than gang peace treaties and Alex Sanchez as an individual.

Oscar spoke about how they believed that all the repression was over after Alex won asylum and emerged victorious from the 1990's Rampart Scandal in which Alex exposed the LAPD harassment against him and ultimately, the corruption of the division. It is sadly apparent that the LAPD is less concerned with justice and more concerned about maintaining a vendetta against Alex that is over a decade old. As stated in the past, instead of playing revenge politics the LAPD and the city should be giving Alex an award for curbing gang violence, being a peace-maker, and community builder in one of Los Angeles' poorest neighborhoods. The Homies Unidos organizer mentioned, "this isn't just about Alex. Today it's him, tomorrow it could be you, I hope not, but if we don't support Alex there will be no one to support us if that does happen." The feeling was shared by many of the people at the rally, it could be anyone.

After there we gathered in the center of the plaza a few people got up to speak and with several media cameras pointed at

them, they let the world know that Alex Sanchez would not be forgotten, and his community lose hope. There was a prayer and then final words from Oscar Sanchez who said "There are many people today who could not be here on a Monday morning due to work. Thank you all for coming, and remember that each of you represents twenty other people who are unable attend. Alex does not just represent immigrant rights or gang peace, he represents us as a community, this is a multiracial movement, a diverse movement, but we are all Alex Sanchez!" The crowd cheered and many people began shouting "I am Alex Sanchez!" as the crowd applauded and eventually moved away from the center to socialize and await the court's decision.

I left early and asked Oscar to get in touch with me regarding an updates on the case. At 3:26 pm Oscar Sanchez contacted me. I called several people and gave them the bad news: once again, Alex Sanchez had not been granted bail. Once again, the courts decided to deny Alex a fair trial and the right to see his family. The people I spoke with had similar reactions: although this was a sad day for the people of Los Angeles, we continue to have hope as we remind ourselves that we are still Alex Sanchez.

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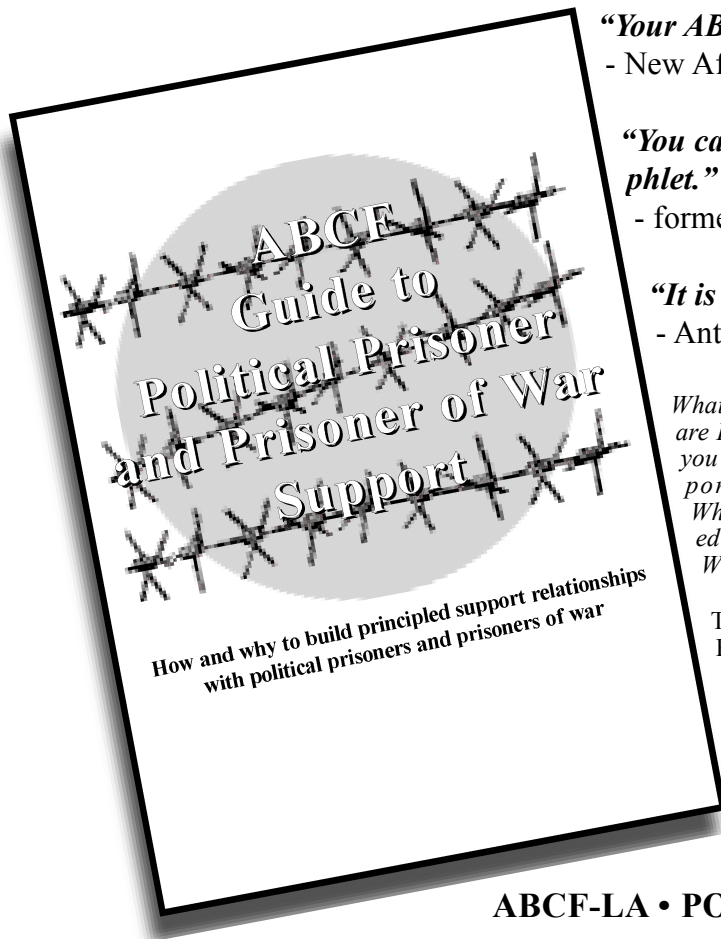
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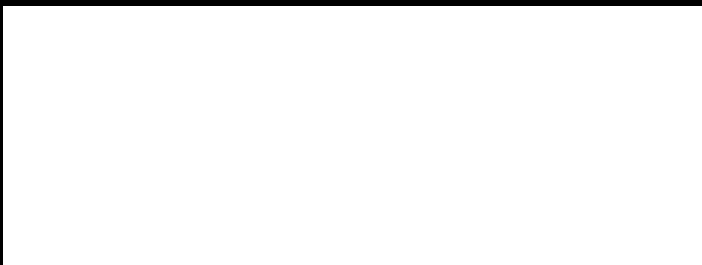
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